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25 September 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT: IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C229C

1. IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C229C was successfully flown on 25 September 1969. Sensors used were the "H" Camera, [redacted] The route was planned to be flown 20 miles off the South China coast from a point southeast of Hainan Island to a point northeast of Fouchou.

2. U-2R aircraft 057 departed [redacted] at 0105Z and landed at 0540Z for a mission duration of 4+35 hours. The pilot, [redacted], completed his second operational mission. This was the seventh IDEALIST/TACKLE mission for calendar year 1969.

3. The enroute weather forecast was for Category II (1/8 to 2/8 cloud cover) with light haze except for an area of Category III (3/8 to 4/8 cloud cover) between longitudes 113E - 117E. The pilot reported predominately Category II weather except for a solid overcast north of Hainan Island and Category III to IV (3/8 to 6/8) in small areas (50 to 60 miles each) south of Swatow and northeast of Chinmen Island.

[redacted]
mission completion, indicated that aircraft track appeared close to planned route.

5. No defensive system activity while in the area of interest was reported by the pilot [redacted] There were no unusual sightings or MIG activity reported. All aircraft systems operated satisfactorily with the exception of the "H" Configuration, which malfunctioned at 0450Z. The

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camera shutter motor ran away. Mission was aborted shortly afterward. Due to this malfunction, the last one and one-half flight lines (totaling 60 miles and 7 targets) were lost. [redacted] for approximately two minutes. Pilot at this time was just southwest of [redacted] so activity is presumed to have been friendly.

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6. The mission appeared successful to the time of camera malfunction.

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